

FUNDAMENTAL OF PROGRAMMING IN C#

RANDOM OBJECT

Objectives

- Write a program that uses Random object to generate random numbers

Agenda

- Using Random Class
- Introduction of Class and Object

Generating Random Integer

- The code below generate random integer.
- We use System.Random class to do that
- There are two versions of Next method to generate random integer between
 - 0 to N ($0 \leq \text{number} < N$)
 - Lower bound to upper bound ($\text{lower} \leq \text{number} < N$)

```
Random rnd = new Random();  
Console.WriteLine(rnd.Next(5)); //generate  $0 \leq \text{random number} < 5$   
Console.WriteLine(rnd.Next(5)); //another random number  
Console.WriteLine(rnd.Next(10, 20)); // generate  $10 \leq \text{random number} < 20$   
Console.WriteLine(rnd.Next(10, 20)); //another random number
```

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/dotnet/api/system.random?view=netframework-4.7.2>

Generating Random Double

- We can use NextDouble() method to generate random double that is ≥ 0.0 and < 1.0
- How do we generate random double between lower bound and upper bound?

```
Random rnd = new Random();  
Console.WriteLine(rnd.NextDouble());           //between 0 and 1  
Console.WriteLine(rnd.NextDouble() * 10);      //between 0 and 10  
Console.WriteLine(100 + rnd.NextDouble()  
                  * (150-100)); // between 100 and 150
```

Classes and objects

```
Random rnd = new Random();  
Console.WriteLine(rnd.Next(5));
```

Class name

```
Console.WriteLine(Math.Sqrt(5));
```

Classes and objects

```
Random rnd = new Random();  
Console.WriteLine(rnd.Next(5));
```

Object variable

```
Console.WriteLine(Math.Sqrt(5));
```

- We see the difference in the way we call the Sqrt() method and Next() method
- Math.Sqrt() is a static method. We call the method by referring to the class name
- Random.Next() is not a static method. We can call the method only after we instantiate (create) a Random object and refer to the variable containing the object.

Classes and Objects

- Objects has to be created using new keyword

```
Random rnd = new Random();
```

- The above code means that we are creating a new Random object
 - Random can be considered the type of this object or we call it the class.
 - Other way to say this is that rnd variable contain an object that is an instance of Random class.

Classes and Objects

- Classes are the blueprint of objects
 - Real-life analogy: design of a car vs. actual cars that you own
 - Student class: represent what can be done to a student record in the system
Student object: represent each of the student records, each contains different information
- Classes are the concepts/classifications of objects
 - Male and female as concepts, individual people are instances of these concepts

Classes and Objects

- Classes sometimes is also used to represent things that is treated as singular
 - Real-life example: the world, earth, justice
 - In system: Console, Math
- Classes and objects have properties to store the information pertaining the class/object.
 - Two object of the same class can have different information e.g. two student records contains different names and student IDs
 - It's more common for objects to have properties than classes.

Classes and Objects

- Classes and objects can have methods
 - Methods can be attached at the class level (static methods)
 - Methods can work on the object itself (non static methods)
- Should a method to create a new student record designed to be a static method or non-static method?

Summary

- We have learned how to use Random class
- We have to instantiate a Random object, store it in a variable and then use the method afterwards
- We have covered basic understanding of classes and objects
 - Hopefully it make things clearer when you read C# codes online